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Education Lottery To Introduce Two New Games

RALEIGH – North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) players will soon have two new instant games to scratch off. The games “\$25,000 PayDay” and “Fast 5’s” will be available to players across the state starting Tuesday, April 18.

“These two instant scratch-off games will be in addition to the four already available to players,” said Tom Shaheen, executive director. “We are very pleased with the sales we have had so far and we are extremely excited about the funds generated for education in North Carolina.”

As of Monday, April 10 lottery ticket sales have reached over \$51 million. Approximately \$25 million has been paid out in prizes. It is expected that the NCEL will make its first deposit to the state’s Education Lottery Fund by the end of the fiscal year, which ends June 30. The NCEL will transfer 100% of the net proceeds from ticket sales into the fund that will be used to pay for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four year olds, class size reduction, school construction, and provide college scholarships to need-based individuals.

Players that want to know more about the games currently available, the new games that will be introduced, the odds, how to find a retailer near them or how to play should call the **Player Services hotline at (877) 962-7529** or visit the NCEL Player Web site at www.nc-educationlottery.org.

So far, more than 59,000 people have visited the new Web site. The site was designed by the Charlotte company Alter Imaging, which is an interactive agency. Alter Imaging’s goal is to create a site that drives brand awareness. The company was founded in 2001.

Editor’s note: To receive PDF versions of the “How to Play” brochures for the two new instant scratch off games, contact the NCEL Communications Office at the (919) 715-6886.

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